

Please replace Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A trocar comprising:  
a cannula for receiving an implant and inserting the implant into an animal,  
the cannula having a sharp tissue penetrating distal end;  
a spring element received entirely within the cannula, the spring element  
having a leaf spring for retaining the implant inside the cannula, the leaf spring applying a  
frictional force against the implant sufficient to prevent the implant from sliding out of the  
cannula under a weight of the implant; and  
an obturator for delivering the implant from the cannula into the animal.

Please add new Claims 21-25, as follows:

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21. (New) A trocar comprising:  
a cannula for receiving an implant and inserting the implant into an animal;  
a spring element received within the cannula, the spring element formed  
from a sheet with a continuous cut forming a T-shaped leaf spring;  
an obturator for delivering the implant from the cannula into the animal; and  
wherein the leaf spring retains the implant inside the cannula by applying a  
frictional force against the implant sufficient to prevent the implant from sliding out of the  
cannula under a weight of the implant.
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22. (New) The trocar according to claim 21, wherein the obturator has a tapered  
distal end to prevent ejection of the spring element from the cannula when the obturator is  
moved distally to eject the implant from the cannula.
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23. (New) The trocar according to claim 21, wherein the spring element is fixed within the cannula.

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24. (New) The trocar according to claim 21, wherein the leaf spring is received entirely within the cannula.

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25. (New) The trocar according to claim 21, wherein the spring element is received entirely within the cannula.

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